

Guidelines for Journeys West Journal Entries

- The information in your journal should be as realistic as possible. You should maintain the perspective of an imaginary person in the time and place of Westward Expansion.
- The purpose of the journal is to reveal information about typical daily life. Use examples that will teach museum visitors about life along the Oregon Trail as well as the settlements.
- Include realistic elements such as a name, clothing, food and shelter.
- A minimum of three entries is required to show distinct information about the daily life of a person in a particular social class.
- The journal should also include information about how geography (location) impacted daily life.

Guidelines for Journeys West Broadside

- The information on a broadside should include a mixture of written description and pictures.
- The broadside should include an image that connects to and shows your understanding of the viewpoint of Westward Expansion that you know about. It should be clear what you want people to know about the topic.
- Choose 3-5 main points to teach visitors to the museum about through the broadside.
- The written description should expand on the picture on the broadside. Use actual broadsides in the American Memory collection as models to get ideas about layout.
- The broadside should be easy to read and follow. Please use large art paper so that your broadside is easily viewed.

Exhibit Guidelines for Journeys West Artifact

- A model or artifact is a 3-dimensional object designed to represent an important people, place or object from the time period of Westward Expansion.
- Models and artifacts should be handmade. They could be made from any combination of materials (paper, clay, wood, paper maché).
- The models and artifacts should be carefully constructed, visually appealing and as authentic as possible.
- The artifact must be accompanied by a written explanation of the object and its significance or importance from a journey west.
- The models or artifacts must be able to "stand alone" to represent your research.